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Dear Harold,

I have been an admirer of your work for years. I have most, if not all of your books, including all four of the Frame-Up Kennedy assassination books (among my collection of 130+ JFK books.

I am doing some research on James Earl Ray aka Eric Starvo Galt aka John Willard aka Paul Bridgeman aka aRamon George sneyd. I have read Tennessee Waltz, but it leaves questions unanswered. My main question is regarding the trip Ray took to the Portugese embassy in London. Was he trying to get a visa to Angola with the intent of linking up with mercenary groups? Were they supposed to help him evade the "largest manhunt in history"?

Is there any resolution to the aliases listed above? The Murkin Conspiracy does not resolve this issue, and makes you sound like you have no conclusions. Is your book still available? If so, please let me know how much it costs. I would like to know if you would be able to provide me some other research materials for a paper I intend to write on the above issues. Thank you very much in advance for your cooperation. I will be glad to pay copying fees for research papers, where they touch on these issues. Is all your information from the same sources Melanson found in his book?

Do you believe that "Raoul" existed, or is he a composite of secret contacts that Ray will not discuss? Was Kimble Raoul? Weren't Ray's brothers involved in almost all of Ray's endeavors?

Wasn't King's body lifted off the floor and thrown against the balcony doors before he fell, proving ballisticilly that the shot came from below? Is there medical evidence of the bullet track?

Best Regards,

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